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**The Banner.**  
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1921

**DISMISS CASE AGAINST A MAN HELD FOR RAPE**  
Joseph H. Hall Exhonorated In Court of Squire Harter Today  
AGED MAN GIVEN HEARING IN COURT  
Mother Of Girl Alleged To Threatened To Shoot The Defendant  
Justice George S. Harter, this morning, following the hearing given in the action brought in his court alleging the rape of Golda Goins, a 12-year-old colored girl by Joseph S. Hall, aged 78, a Civil War veteran, dismissed the charge.  
The charge against Hall had been made by Mrs. Rosemary Goins, who accused Hall of having had illegal relations with her adopted daughter, Golda, on or about Sept. 1 last. When first arraigned Hall made a plea of not guilty and demanded a hearing which was set for Wednesday, Dec. 14.  
It was alleged that the offense had been committed near Riverside park, it being claimed Hall throughout the summer had been accustomed to attempt undue liberties with children visiting Riverside park.  
The evidence presented to the court against Hall proved to be weak and unconvincing. Dr. C. K. Conard testified that an examination made by him had revealed no evidence of an assault of the nature alleged. Furthermore, the testimony of the girl herself describing the alleged affair convinced the court of the impossibility of a crime of the nature alleged having been committed.  
Prosecuting Attorney Paul M. Ashbaugh conducted the case in his official capacity and at the conclusion of the examination advised the court that in his opinion the defendant could not be held under the charge.  
The defendant was represented by Attorney R. E. Supp. The case was presented to the court without argument and dismissal was ordered in brief time.  
The hearing was attended by a large number the court room being crowded almost to the limit of its capacity.

**B. F. HAMMOND TO QUIT SHIPPING DUTIES DEC. 15**  
B. F. Hammond, director of live-stock shipping for Knox county, returned Wednesday morning from a business trip to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Hammond, who recently resigned his position with the shipping bureau, will sever his connection with the organization on Thursday of this week. Thereafter shipping operations in the county will be conducted by representatives of the cooperative bureau located in Mt. Vernon, Gambier, Howard, Danville, Hunt Station and Fredericktown.

**FIGURES GIVEN ON TAX VALUES IN KNOX COUNTY**  
Returns For Taxes Show Increase of \$1,000,000 Over Last Year  
\$56,984,250 IS RETURNED FOR TAXES  
Public Utilities And Corporations Increase Values; Two Sessions of Court  
County Auditor A. D. Rhinehart on Tuesday made public the total tax valuation returned in Knox county for the year 1921.  
It shows the valuation of real and personal property returned for taxation to be \$56,984,250.  
The county auditor stated that this amount is about \$1,000,000 higher than last year. He said that the rural returns were much less than the year 1920, but that the public utilities and the corporations brought about the great increase over last year.

**TWELVE PRISONERS IN CO. JAIL TODAY**  
Average Of Not Less Than 10 Per Day For The Past Five Weeks  
There were twelve prisoners in the Knox county jail this morning, according to a statement from Sheriff B. H. Lytle.  
Sheriff Lytle stated that during the past five weeks there has not been less than ten prisoners in jail each day. "There are men in jail this morning for all sorts of crime, from boot-legging to burglary," announced Sheriff Lytle.

**FREDERICKTOWN**  
Shortly after the beginning of the present conference year of the M. E. church at this place, the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stockdale, in conference with the members of the official board of that church, planned an old-fashioned revival service to be held beginning Dec. 4. From the announcement of such a campaign there has been an increased activity in the church. For five weeks preceding the date set, cottage prayer meetings were held in different districts, covering the whole town, the attendance in some instances being beyond expectation, showing the interest in the meetings to follow. Since the beginning of the conference year, 14 persons have united with the church by letter.  
Since the beginning of the special services there have been several conversions, among which were some of the influential men of our community. At a reconsecration meeting held last week the altar and front seats of the church were filled, the results of which are expected to be productive of much good.  
Ray D. Mohr, singing evangelist of Ashley, who made so many friends here 11 years ago, is with us again and has charge of the music, directing a large chorus choir with special features of quartets, duets and inspiring solos by himself.  
The attendance the past week exceeded that of any previous effort of this kind, the church being filled at every service, several of the Sunday school classes attending in bodies and on last Friday evening there was a large booster delegation from Brookside, which is not only a credit to our church but to our village.  
The pastor, Rev. C. E. Stockdale, has been delivering some splendid spiritual discourses which has led to an awakening of the dormant membership which in itself will be productive of much good. Let every

**CENTERBURG**  
Mr. H. B. Webster of Fresno, Cal., is visiting in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ramey.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gilbert spent Monday in Columbus.  
Mr. H. C. Smith was a Mt. Vernon visitor Saturday.  
Miss Grace Darling is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. John Costello, at Ashland.  
Mr. James Oldaker spent over Sunday with relatives in Newark.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lyon spent Monday in Newark.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lyal, who have been visiting relatives in West Point, Iowa, for several weeks, have returned home.  
Mr. Raymond Clouse of Johnstown was a Centerburg visitor Saturday.  
Mrs. L. M. Dally and daughter, Miss Sybil, spent the weekend in Columbus.

**Two Courts Working**  
Two sessions of common pleas court were in operation in Knox county on Monday.  
In the common pleas courtroom, Judge Graven of Ashland county was sitting in the case of W. O. Korns vs. B. M. Critchfield et al.  
At the same time Judge Blair was conducting a session of common pleas court in his private office and during the day disposed of several cases.  
In Judge Blair's court the following matters were disposed of:  
George A. Fuller vs. George L. McGugin—Injunction made perpetual. Costs assessed against the defendant.  
T. R. Woolson et al. vs. Eva M. Dudgeon—Decree in partition. Commissioners—Thomas Bobout, J. H. Fuwett and Casey Whitmore.  
Mary Dunham vs. George Dunham—Decree of divorce given the plaintiff. Custody of minor child awarded the plaintiff.  
Cecil Vernon vs. Floyd B. Vernon—Decree of divorce given the plaintiff, who is also awarded the custody of the minor child.  
M. G. Levering vs. R. Y. Struble—Motion of defendant sustained as to first and third grounds, overruled on